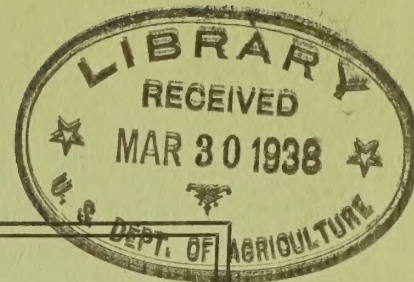


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PART II

Extension activities with negroes have expanded greatly during 1936 with the personnel being increased to 18 agents, and with 35 parishes being served. L. J. Washington has been transferred to the Delta Experiment Station to work with J. L. Lloyd as assistant agent.

Unlike the practice followed with the white workers, that of one agent serving one parish, the colored agents are assigned to work in three or more parishes and, logically, the effectiveness of their work is somewhat impaired because of the time involved in covering such large areas.

During 1936 the soil conservation program has been a big help to the colored farmers and they have taken hold of it with much enthusiasm. The colored agents have devoted much of their time to helping the farmers conserve their soil by planting soil-conserving and soil-building crops and by carrying on other such practices which would accomplish that purpose.

Much work has been done by the women agents in improving the food habits of the families, in making the homes more livable and attractive, and in encouraging the growing of vegetables not only from a dietary standpoint but from an economic one. The live-at-home gospel is continually being preached by the extension workers.

The 18 colored agents have organized 241 communities in the 35 parishes in which they work. They have 186 organized adult clubs that have a total membership of 2,834. They organized 162 4-H clubs that had a total enrollment of 4,622.

There are 11 colored men agents who serve 26 parishes and there are seven local women agents serving 12 parishes. These agents work under the direction of T. J. Jordan, state agent in negro work. Edward F. Purvis who served as a special agent in soil erosion work was named assistant agent to F. B. Bottom and worked in the parishes of Lincoln and Ouachita.

ALLOCATION OF DISTRICTS

MEN AGENTS

BOTTOM, F. B.—District: Lincoln, Claiborne, Jackson.

BYRD, L. A.—District: Ouachita.

FACEN, A. G.—District: Ouachita, Morehouse, Union.

HARRISON, BOOKER—District: Caddo.

JONES, S. W.—District: Bossier, Red River.

LLOYD, JOSHUA J.—District: Tensas, Madison, Concordia.

MAGEE, M. A.—District: St. Helena, Tangipahoa, Washington, St. Tammany.

PURVIS, E. F.—District: Lincoln, Ouachita.

RINGGOLD, J. E.—District: East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Livingston, Ascension.

ROBINSON, LEON—District: St. Landry.

THOMPSON, C.—District: Rapides, Grant.

WASHINGTON, L. J.—District: Tensas.

WOMEN AGENTS

FISHER, RUBY—District: Evangeline, Avoyelles.
GRIFFIN, JERUSHIA—District: East Carroll, West Carroll.
GUINN, ROSA L.—District: Lafayette, St. Martin.
HUDSON, STAZZIE—District: DeSoto.
JORDAN, VALLYE—District: Bienville.
LEWIS, AMELIA C.—District: Natchitoches.
MAROLES, ZOLEE—District: Rapides, Grant.

TRANSFERS AND ADDITIONS MADE IN NEGRO
STAFF IN 1936

MEN

BOOKER HARRISON, January, 1936.
JOSHUA LLOYD, January, 1936.
EVERETT PURVIS, transferred from Soil Erosion Project to Delta Experiment Station January, 1936.

WOMEN

RUBY FISHER, transferred from Ouachita parish to Evangeline and Avoyelles January, 1936.
ROSA LEE GUINN, transferred from Ouachita parish to Lafayette and St. Martin January, 1936.
ZOLEE MARBLE, transferred from Ouachita parish to Rapides and Grant, January, 1936.

State Agent's Report

By working through organized communities the 18 agents were able to serve effectively 35 parishes. The Negro Farmers' Self-Help League is the organization which sponsors the extension program in Louisiana for adults, and 4-H clubs for juniors. Farmers and farm women in Louisiana have been sold the idea of working for best results through community, parish, and state organizations. This is such an improvement over the individual method of helping farmers.

T. J. Jordan,
State Agent

Contact with the project leaders whenever possible means much to the person visited. Attended 18 4-H meetings (attendance 360) and 24 adult meetings (402), interviewing 128 leaders.

As the leader training schools become more permanently organized they seem to fit perfectly into the regular program of work. Agents welcome them and project leaders look forward eagerly to the months of January and February when they come together and learn how to do a better canning job, terrace more effectively, etc.

Because agents in Louisiana have such a large territory to cover, we have to combine 4-H club work with adult work; consequently, the results are not just what we would like them to be. Reports on club work, however, show a satisfying increase in the number of local leaders trained to do club work. Once the leaders get the spirit along with the training it will relieve the agents of a lot of work that is almost impossible for them to do. The second 4-H club encampment was held at Mineral Springs where the permanent 4-H club camp is located, August 4, 5, and 6th. These encampments are mainly for recreational purposes; nevertheless, they have proved to be good places for giving information.

Men agents are now prepared to do plane table mapping as a result of their training received during the summer months. We hope to have farms mapped and use the entire farm as a demonstration rather than individual projects.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Total days spent in office.....	135
Total days spent in field.....	144
Number miles traveled.....	18,182½
Number visits to extension agents.....	94
Number leaders interviewed.....	186
Number result demonstrations visited.....	4
Number other farms or homes visited.....	7
Number leader training meetings attended.....	7
Attendance	801
Number other meetings attended.....	65
Attendance	6,749
Total number letters written.....	1,225
Circular letters prepared.....	45
News articles prepared.....	6
Number organized communities.....	241
Number parishes served by agents.....	35
Number adult clubs organized.....	186
Total membership.....	2,834
Number 4-H clubs.....	162
Total enrollment.....	4,622
Number bulletins distributed.....	6,501
Group meetings held for agents.....	1
Surveys made.....	1
Encampments (4-H) held.....	1

Avoyelles and Evangeline Parishes

In Avoyelles and Evangeline parishes the agent worked with 10 Self-Help Leagues with an enrollment of 512 and four 4-H clubs with an enrollment of 242.

The Self-Help Leagues have 150 project leaders while the 4-H clubs have 20 adults serving as leaders. There were 420 enrolled in vegetable gardening with 212 growing year-round gardens. In flower gardening, 60 4-H girls and boys made landscape plans. Garden shows were given in eight communities and tours were made in every organized community.

Ruby Fisher,
Home Demonstration
Agent

In poultry there were two poultry leaders who chose the project as a business. One poultry house, six brooder coops, one brooder house and three incubators were bought. A total of \$402 was the profit for one leader in his first year of poultry business.

A great deal of time was given to health and sanitation, and as a result, 20 houses were screened, 10 wells screened, eight out-door pit toilets made, six homes remodeled and six garbage cans were bought.

Several demonstrations on balancing meals were given by agent. About 28,000 cans of food stuffs were preserved, 180 articles were made and remodeled for home furnishing and 320 garments were made for wearing.

Exhibits were displayed at both parish and state fairs by the agent, and leader training meetings were held.

Bossier and Red River Parishes

Extension work is carried on with 4-H clubs and adults. There are 365 leaders cooperating with 2,324 adults and 482 club members.

These members completed demonstrations in growing corn, cotton, legumes, Irish and sweet potatoes, gardens, poultry, swine, the building of sanitary toilets, beautifying home and schools, remodeling and screening homes, insect control, food preservation and soil conservation.

S. W. Jones,
Local Agent

The most outstanding accomplishment was terraces. There were 19 communities organized and 14 built terraces.

The St. Mary community (Red River parish) under Rev. L. A. Durham as leader, built more terraces than any other community—six farms completing from one to five terraces on each.

There were 524 farm visits made, 182 office calls received, 16 circular letters written, 160 letters written, 133 bulletins sent out and 118 training meetings, 110 method demonstration meetings; 29 result demonstration meetings, and 36 leader training meetings held. Two farm tours to visit demonstrations in soil erosion control, growing legumes in corn, home improvement and care of swine, were conducted.

Presentation of extension movies and bulletins have enlarged our program of work and farmers foresee a more comfortable future. Better farm homes and increased plantings of food and feed crops are noticeable in many communities.

Bienville Parish

There were only eight organizations in Bienville parish in 1935 since the agent's work covered Bienville and Webster, but in 1936 the work was confined to Bienville, therefore 13 communities were organized. They are known as 4-H clubs and Self-Help Leagues and have an enrollment of 403 members, and 38 club leaders.

Valleye Jordan,
Home Demonstration
Agent

Projects carried were: gardening, food preparation and preservation, clothing, home health and sanitation. In gardening there were 304 club members enrolled; 208 completed, the agent held two meetings and the specialist three, and 56 entered garden contest.

Other results were: 99 club members enrolled in poultry with 79 completing; 175 enrolled in food preparation with 138 completing; 87 girls and 90 women prepared two or more dishes; three teams gave demonstration on food preparation during achievement day and the specialist and agent held eight meetings.

Four clothing meetings were held, 91 girls enrolled, 84 made at least one garment and 36 made three garments or over.

During National Negro Health Week, the following reports were submitted in health and sanitation: number of sanitary privies, 5; houses cleaned, 55; school buildings and yards cleaned, 30; churches and yards cleaned, 17; barnyards cleaned, 20 and poultry houses cleaned, 39.

Caddo Parish

Eleven communities in Caddo parish were organized during the year. We have organized seven Self-Help Leagues and 11 4-H clubs, with 87 project leaders and 239 4-H club members.

To carry out the extension program successfully and to find the needs of the farmers, 652 farms and homes were visited. Ninety-two office calls were made and 116 individual letters were written.

B. D. Harrison,
Local Agent

To give the farmers information about the various projects that were carried out on the various farms, 574 bulletins were distributed and 86 method demonstration meetings were held, with 1,652 farmers present. Fifteen result demonstration meetings were held with 159 farmers present.

Two adult tours with 17 in attendance and one 4-H club tour with 72 in attendance were conducted.

The agent's booth won third place at the Louisiana State Fair.

During the year 216 families have been influenced by the local agent to use the new methods and ideas given them so that they will become better and more successful farmers.

Claiborne, Jackson and Lincoln Parishes

Rural people are showing more interest in extension work as better living conditions are being developed by the local leaders. Six hundred and forty farm and home visits were made while checking on the result demonstrations and method demonstration meetings with local leaders.

F. B. Bottom,
Local Agent

Special interest has been demonstrated in 4-H club work by both club members and club leaders. Eleven clubs were organized with 238 enrolled. One short course and one encampment were held for 4-H club members and leaders. Four hundred and thirty-six attended the short course while 312 attended the encampment. The 4-H club members and leaders seemed to have enjoyed the encampment this year more than any other meeting that has been held in the club program.

The third session of the North Louisiana Recreation Association was held at the Louisiana Rural Normal, Grambling, Louisiana, January 21-24, under the direction of W. P. Jackson, recreation leader of New York City.

The leaders in attendance at the recreational meeting were very interested in the plays and games as the community people back in the home parishes have shown keen interest in recreation.

DeSoto Parish

The 1936 extension program reached approximately 3,000 persons through the cooperation of 251 project leaders representing 17 Self-Help Leagues with 785 adults enrolled; 19 4-H clubs with an enrollment of 864 members; two district Self-Help Leagues and one parish Self-Help League, made up of presidents of local clubs, pastors of rural churches and teachers, representing 2,000 rural people.

Stazzie Hudson,
Home Demonstration
Agent

Leader participation was the greatest development. Twenty-seven nutrition leaders received specialist training. One general meeting was held at which 200 leaders were trained by specialists. The agent held quarterly training meetings with the parish Self-Help League. Leaders also attended soil conservation meetings at Prairie View College and Natchitoches.

Three hundred seventy-nine persons learned what the daily diet should include and 72 families planned meals and kept score cards.

There were 803 garments made by adults and 4-H club members; 186 exhibited at fairs, 71 receiving first prizes and 19 were awarded prizes at the State Fair.

While gardening and canning records show a decrease in number, food valued at \$17,358.09 was saved.

Health and sanitation were carried to 1,926 persons. A total of 800 4-H club members practiced improved health habits, and 26 physical corrections were made.

The fifth annual folk school was attended by more than 1,500 persons.

East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, West Feliciana, Livingston and Ascension Parishes

There are 22 Self-Help Leagues composed of 305 active members in the five parishes in which the agent has worked. Nine hundred cooperators meet monthly and report on projects that are being worked out. Specialists, along with the agent, visit these Self-Help Leagues and give instructions on the different projects.

J. E. Ringgold,
Local Agent

The five parishes have 22 organized 4-H clubs with an enrollment of 481 members. These clubs meet twice a month when school is in session and once a month when school is out. Each boy or girl must carry a project to completion to be a bona fide member of a club.

During the year the agent assisted in inoculating 421 head of hogs against cholera. Agent also assisted farmers in selling five cars of potatoes which netted them 25 cents per hundred more than they were selling on the local market and assisted in selling 10 cars of sweet potatoes, netting 30 cents per hundred more than the local price.

Demonstrations in canning vegetables and fruit were given in 10 communities. Agent also gave demonstrations in killing hogs and cutting and curing meat, and mapped farms for farmers in various communities.

East and West Carroll Parishes

With an enrollment of 357 adults and 425 4-H club members, the 11 communities in East and West Carroll parishes have derived much benefit from the monthly garden bulletin sent out by the L. S. U. extension garden specialist. Three hundred year-round gardens, 1,479 native shrubs, hedges, vines, cuttings, and 467 fruit trees were planted. One thousand ready rooted hedges were donated by a member of the civic league.

Jerushia P. Griffin,
Home Demonstration
Agent

Twenty-eight families were assisted in buying purebred eggs for hatching, 19 in building houses, 28 in remodeling poultry houses, and 34 in purchasing baby chicks.

Nine known cases of pellagra were cured in the first stages by practicing nutrition and meal planning.

In home health and sanitation, 164 families adopted better practices of garbage disposal and 6 added outdoor sanitary toilets. The annual encampment of parents and children at the 4-H club camp and the leader training meeting held by the extension specialist have sold extension work to 1,621 families of the 12,836 in the agent's territory.

The parish papers have published the 12 articles offered for publication and four colored papers have carried 25 or more individual club news stories.

A circular letter to farmers netted \$153 in one week to build a hut at the 4-H club camp. A merchant donated 625 out-of-date hats for practice in dyeing, remodeling and remaking for gifts for Christmas.

Franklin and Richland Parishes

There are 14 adult and 12 4-H clubs in Franklin and Richland parishes that are actively engaged in promoting some progressive agricultural or home activity recommended by the Agricultural Extension Division, under the supervision of the local agent. There are 138 project leaders in the adult work and 12 4-H club leaders with an enrollment of 157 boys and 243 girls.

L. J. Washington,
Local Agent

Working out an extension program where most of the farmers are tenants or share croppers necessitates a well-planned program, both profitable and self-explanatory. For this reason the program for Franklin and Richland is dealing with feed, food and soil conserving practices.

In an effort to introduce the proper variety of cotton that was recommended for the soils of Franklin and Richland, 1,000 pounds of cotton seed were given by Mr. Sidney Stewart, superintendent of the North Louisiana Experiment Station, while 1,500 pounds were given by Mr. C. B. Haddon, superintendent of the Northeast Experiment Station. These seed were distributed to the cotton leaders for demonstration plots.

There were method demonstrations given in the Lloyd, Crowville and Martin communities of Franklin parish on "worming stock." As a result, the livestock leaders of the three mentioned communities wormed 56 head of horses and mules.

Lafayette and St. Martin Parishes

There are 11 organized home demonstration clubs with an enrollment of 256 and four 4-H clubs with an enrollment of 117 boys and girls. Meetings were held once a month at the home of a member or in the community center, with both demonstrations and lectures being given by the agent.

Rosa Lee Guinn,
Home Demonstration Agent

Five projects were conducted in all of the organized communities with project leaders for each. There were two major projects: food preservation and home gardening, and three minor projects: clothing, poultry and health. Seventy-one method demonstrations were given and 82 other meetings held.

As a result of the projects there were four temporary canning kitchens operated during the summer, and five cookers and one sealer were purchased by the various clubs. With the use of seven cookers and two sealers, a total of 15,551 quarts of fruit and vegetables were canned, valued at \$3,973.70. One hundred forty club members grew year-round gardens and 100 grew one or more new vegetables.

Most of the clothing was made from sacks. A series of sack projects was conducted in all the clubs. Ten brooder houses were built and 20 remodeled. To promote better health 150 adopted recommended practices for disposal of garbage and waste. Eight homes were screened and five partially screened; ten outhouses were built and six remodeled.

Madison, Tensas and Concordia Parishes

There are 12 organized communities in Madison, Tensas and Concordia parishes in which extension work is being carried on with adult and young folk in all phases of the agricultural extension program. The 12 adult organizations have 120 leaders and the 11 4-H clubs have 26 leaders.

J. A. M. Lloyd,
Local Agent

The outstanding work done in cotton has been carrying out demonstrations emphasizing the importance of adapted varieties, good stands, proper cultural methods, disease and insect control, and growing cotton following winter and summer legumes.

Pecan grafting is a new phase of extension work in the section. Five adult result demonstrations were carried on, five method demonstrations were held, and a total of 329 stocks were grafted with 301 trees living now.

The Live-at-Home program was among the outstanding programs carried out this year, the local leaders in home gardens, hogs, poultry, and food preservation carrying out a fine piece of work with the assistance, training and information received from the extension force.

The Agricultural Conservation Program for 1936 occupied much of the agent's time. The program was discussed and encouraged in the regular community meetings and in special called meetings throughout the three parishes. Fifty-four days were spent on the mapping program.

Morehouse, Ouachita and Union Parishes

Agricultural extension work was carried out with organized communities. There were 13 adult clubs and 11 4-H clubs in the three parishes. There were 319 boys and girls enrolled in the 4-H club with 296 completing their projects. The projects were home garden, cotton, poultry, corn, sweet potatoes, swine, and home beautification. Recreation was considered an important factor and meetings were held in the local communities, and one 4-H club encampment was held with 204 boys and girls attending.

A. G. Facen,
Local Agent

In the 13 adult organizations there were 164 demonstrations carried in the major enterprises. The chief objectives were a "Live-at-Home Program" and soil conservation. To carry out this program, 356 home visits were made; 76 method demonstrations were given, 1,121 families carried out year-round gardens and 16,761 cans of meat and vegetables were canned.

A new feature that was added and proved to be a success was a demonstration farm on which the owner of the farm agreed to carry out a complete program as outlined by the agent. This farm became the center of attraction in the community. Some of the major accomplishments in improved practices were as follows: year-round garden, terracing, starting an orchard, purebred poultry and pasture improvement.

Natchitoches Parish

There are 3,308 farms owned or operated by colored farmers in Natchitoches parish. Of these farm homes, 1,450 were reached by home demonstration work conducted by the agent and leaders in 31 of the 68 communities.

In 18 of these 31 communities there was a home demonstration club, Self-Help League or 4-H club. The total membership of these organizations was 883 adults and 356 juniors. From these, 192 leaders were trained to work with the agent.

Amelia J. Lewis,
Home Demonstration
Agent

There were two major projects: clothing and gardening, and five minor projects: food preparation and preservation, health and sanitation, poultry, community work and home improvement.

There were 500 women enrolled in clothing projects; 321 completed as many garments for display at the parish fair; eight garments were exhibited at the state fair, this booth winning first prize. Garments made in the project numbered 4,751.

Other results were: 300 families completed year-round gardens; 90 families planted fruit trees; 48,100 quarts of food were canned; a rural clean-up campaign was conducted in 16 communities, resulting in homes following suggestions in disposal of wastes, screening, sanitary toilets, drainage and destruction of weeds; a school carnival and achievement day were attended by 3,000, one parish fair and three community fairs were held, and exhibits sent to State fair; 10 communities distributed 400 baskets of food at Christmas.

Ouachita Parish

On August 26 the agent began mapping farm land in Tensas parish under the supervision of County Agent G. L. Burleson. The agent was transferred to East Baton Rouge parish on September 28 to assist with the mapping work there. On October 3 he was sent to the North Louisiana Experiment Station.

Work conducted by the agent at the North Louisiana Experiment Station was along the following lines:

L. A. Byrd,
Local Agent

Agronomy—cotton, corn, oats, sugarcane and sorghum varieties. Ginning and storing and treating seed for diseases and checking results of variety and fertilizer tests for 1936.

Horticulture—harvesting, storing and checking results of fertilizer and variety tests. Pruning orchards and spraying for scale insects with mixed tank oil emulsion.

Engineering—repairing farm building, implements and fences and cleaning up farm land.

Animal Husbandry—feeding and caring for dairy cows, calves and work stock.

Soil Conservation—terracing, ditching, planting winter legumes and cover crops, applying fertilizer and preserving barnyard manure.

Rapides and Grant Parishes

Rapides and Grant parishes are divided into 34 communities with a total negro farm population of 13,818. The farmers are organized in two groups, namely, the 4-H clubs and Self-Help Leagues. Twelve communities were organized during the year with 120 demonstrators, 600 cooperators and 166 4-H club boys.

Charley Thompson,
Local Agent

The following goals were set up at the beginning of the year: 1. larger yield per acre on all crops grown; 2. more economical use of land; 3. growing plenty of food and feed for family and livestock; 4. better care for livestock, poultry, swine, and farm implements; 5. better living conditions; 6. buying of homes; 7. community recreation.

Accomplishments of the year were: (1) an average increase of 15 percent in yield of crops; (2) a crop rotation program was followed; (3) food and feed supplies increased about 15 percent; (4) livestock was cared for better by giving more and better feed, and in many cases shelter was provided; (5) gardens were better than ever before, furnishing plenty of vegetables for home use; (6) five farms were bought; (7) adults and juniors were taught to work and play together in the recreation project.

Rapides Parish

Extension work in Rapides and Grant parishes for the year 1936 was very encouraging. Twelve home demonstration clubs were organized with an enrollment of 180. These 12 clubs carried as their projects the following: home health and sanitation; gardens (vegetable and flower); food preservation; clothing, and poultry. The same projects were carried by the 11 4-H clubs which had an enrollment of 170 with 166 completing their projects.

Zolee Marbles,
Home Demonstration
Agent

Some results of the agent's work were: five installed sanitary toilets; five screened houses; 165 grew year-round gardens; 15 grew gardens for first time; 3,180 jars of fruits, vegetables, jams and jellies were canned by adults; 3,200 pounds of fruits and vegetables were dried; 576 jars of fruits, vegetables, jams and jellies were canned by 4-H club members; 150 pounds of fruits and vegetables were dried by 4-H club members; seven storage places for canned goods were built and two cookers and sealers were purchased; 107 garments were renovated by adults, and 95 clothing articles were made by club women.

The agent's booth at the Louisiana State Fair at Shreveport took fourth place.

St. Helena, St. Tammany, Washington and Tangipahoa Parishes

Since the organization of leaders' training schools for the purpose of instructing leaders for the Self-Help League, there has been a decided improvement in agricultural and home economics enterprises. Leaders supervising these projects are trained by the local agent and extension specialists. The principal object for

forming these Self-Help Leagues and training leaders is to unify the communities for improving living conditions at home and making farming profitable.

Myrtis A. MaGee,
Local Agent

In the parishes there are 11 adult and six 4-H club organizations with an enrollment of 125 girls and 79 boys in the 4-H clubs, and 84 adult project leaders. Projects in corn, soybeans, swine, poultry, and cotton were carried on in 11 communities. Fifty percent of the farmers planted D. P. L. 11. Certified Porto Rican sweet potatoes were grown and distributed at a ratio of 75 plants per community. Emphasis was placed on growing enough produce for seed. Agricultural engineering courses given at the extension schools resulted in 1,141 terraced acres. Food preservation practices were furthered by purchasing seven canners. All these improvements were evidenced by exhibits at 13 fairs with 30,000 in attendance. The Agricultural Conservation Program sponsored by the local agent, who had actual training and experience in mapping farms, has gone steadily forward.

St. Landry Parish

There are 12 Self-Help Leagues with an enrollment of 117 project leaders and eight 4-H clubs with an enrollment of 104. These persons have played an important part in carrying extension work to the farms and homes of 225 different families. The influence of the work done on these farms and in these

homes has spread to untold numbers of other farms and homes of which we have no record, yet from time to time farmers report that they have learned to do a certain job or practice from community leaders.

Leon Robinson,
Local Agent

Frequent contact with leaders has kept the extension program before the people of the community and parish. The agent conducted 182 method demonstrations attended by 1,016 persons and 179 result demonstrations with 527 persons being present. Three leader training meetings, attended by the specialist from L. S. U., were held with 30 farmers attending; 26 farmers made a tour of nine outstanding projects in eight communities.

The agent has emphasized the importance of complying with the Agricultural Conservation Program and the Live-at-Home program. The use of certified seed was one practice to which the agent devoted much time after a survey, made in the early part of the year, showed that many farmers had not changed their seed corn nor made any effort to improve their seed for many years, although they had secured new and improved varieties of cotton seed every two or three years.

